



**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE
ACTION TAKEN BY THE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUGS**



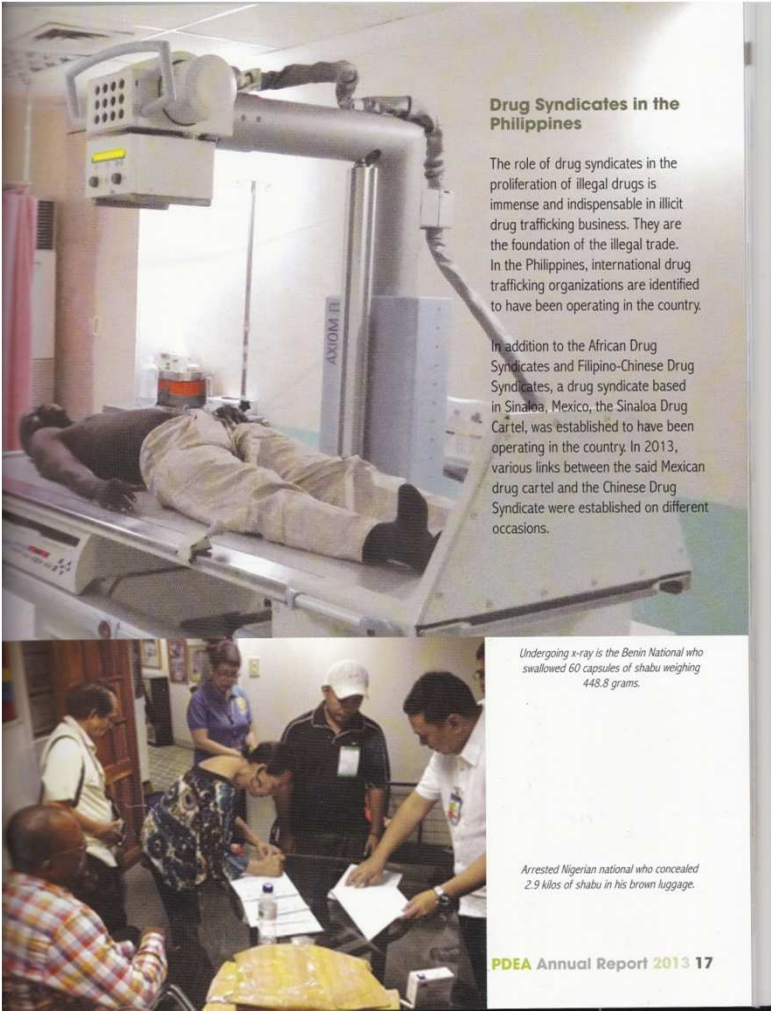
Anti- Drug Operations

- Arrest of drug personalities
- Seizure of billions of pesos worth of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and laboratory equipments
- Discovery of new modus operandi of drug traffickers

Use of Milk Cartons to Transport Drugs



Use of Drug Couriers



Drugs Swallowed by DRUG mules

Task Force Drug Courier

Created in 2010 by Administrative Order No. 279, the Task Force Drug Courier (TFDC) aims to deter, prevent, and protect Filipinos from being used as drug couriers by international drug trafficking organizations.


The TFDC is composed of 12 government agencies and chaired by PDEA. For 2013, the TFDC recorded 19 Filipino drug couriers arrested in other countries.

The 2013 arrest makes the total number of Filipinos arrested from 2000 to the present to 681. Of this number, 23 are facing death penalty.

Table 10: Filipino drug couriers arrested in various countries.

Country of Arrest	Frequency
Macau	4
Indonesia	3
Malaysia	3
Brazil	3
Hong Kong	2
China	2
Vietnam	1
Cambodia	1
Total	19

Inventory of swallowed shabu capsules seized from the Benin national.



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Drug Law Enforcement Agencies are directed to:

- Focus on high value targets
- Ensure airtight cases
- Exercise ethical leadership and command responsibility
- Advocate a culture of cooperation



Accomplishments

- Conduct of 11,474 various anti-drug operations which resulted in the arrest of 9,162 drug personalities
- seizure of Php5.4 billion worth of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals and laboratory equipment and recovery of 100 high-powered and 102 low-powered firearms;

Seized Dangerous Drugs

New Trends in Illegal Drug Activities

It is also alarming to discover a new course in illegal drug trafficking into the country. Drug syndicates continue to employ strategies to conveniently transport illegal drugs.

On June 9, 2013, a Benin national was arrested at NAIA Terminal 1 for attempting to smuggle illegal drugs into the country by swallowing 60 capsules containing a total of 448.8 grams of *shabu*. He was considered as the first drug swallower arrested in the country.

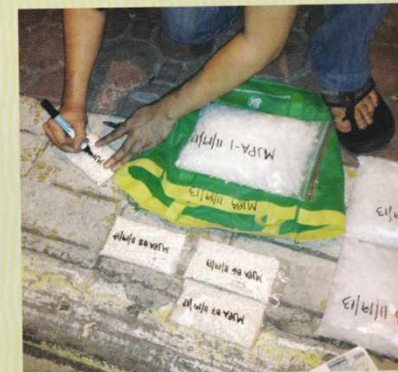
Furthermore, the year 2013 also recorded the first marijuana tiangge dismantled in the country. On October 24, 2013, a marijuana tiangge in Sagada, Mountain Province, Cordillera Administrative Region, the region where marijuana is rampantly grown, was dismantled.

On top of these activities, emergence of new forms of illegal drugs has been noticed in 2013. The first incident of seizure of ephedrine in tablet and capsule form was recorded. In a buy-bust operation conducted in Quezon City in November 19, 2013, 4,005 tablets of ephedrine weighing 608.80 grams were seized. On December 5, 2013, seven capsules of ephedrine were also seized from three drug personalities during a buy-bust operation in Mandaluyong City.

The Agency is also monitoring the mixing of *shabu* and ecstasy. This new form of ATS is popularly known as "fly-high," a drug usually abused by party-goers.



Seized new form of ATS drugs in capsule form called "fly high."



Seized ephedrine in tablet form.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Neutralization of 18 local drug groups;
- 4. Dismantling of 1 clandestine shabu laboratory;
- 5. Dismantling of 1 marijuana “tiangge” – flea market, 7 shabu tiangge and 83 drug dens;
- 6. Eradication of 451 marijuana plantation sites;
- 7. Filing of 10,502 drug cases; and
- 8. Destruction of dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals and laboratory equipment worth Php 1.54 billion



Preventive Education

- To strengthen the anti-drug campaign of PDEA in the communities, the Agency conducts drug demand reduction activities nationwide in coordination with various partners and shareholders. The conduct of advocacy activities is aimed at increasing the awareness of the public on the government's anti-drug campaign and the strategies to prevent from being lured into illegal drug activities.



Conclusion

- The problem of illegal drugs is persistent in the country and the Philippine government is committed to continue and intensify its unwavering war against this menace. Whatever success we have achieved last year, was made possible through the effort of our drug enforcement agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and the community. The Filipino people are hopeful that we can build on this success and achieve someday a drug-free nation.